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Hello,

Attached are my public comments regarding an appeal hearing happening this week. Please forward them or document them accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

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Ryan

To: Hearing Examiner on Matter #APL 22-004

From: Ryan Rahlfs, MI resident

Re: Appeal examination

Hello,

I will leave the legal arguments to my neighbors, though, I realize this is an entirely legal, and not political matter. I know this is a political matter because I have lived on the Island for eleven years and I have watched the policies regarding this corner of the Island change a lot.

I write, instead, to encourage you to notice that the city is advocating for residents by being deliberate and democratic in the creation of rules and regulations. For this, I am thankful. I hope that a resolution to this matter will happen eventually and with satisfaction for all parties. I don't believe this current appeal and request for variances will be a satisfactory approach. The code interpretation seems to be both legally valid, and aligned with the goal of supporting residential living on Mercer Island.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Ryan Rahlfs